

Messaging through time:

Read the following texts carefully, and then choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d to complete the sentence below each text:

1) Look at Tara Taylor's case, a mother who lives in the USA: when she uploaded a photo of her daughter on social media, a friend spotted a problem with one of the child's eyes. It turned out that the girl had a rare disease, but her sight was saved!

The underlined pronoun "who" refers to:

- A) a mother (Tara Taylor)
- B) daughter
- C) the girl
- D) a friend

2) Happier stories have also come to light. In 1956, Ake Viking, a Swede, tossed a letter into the sea, hoping it would reach his future wife. Two years later, he received a letter from a Sicilian girl, Paolina, who had found his bottle and soon after they were married!

It was ----- when Ake Viking received a letter from his future wife

- A) 1956
- B) 1958
- C) 1954
- D) 1837

3) The invention of the telegraph in 1837 sped up communication dramatically. A criminal, John Tawell, was caught after he had escaped on the train to London. A telegram was sent to the London police, and they were waiting for him when he arrived there. In Jordan, there are over six million mobile phones in use by the population. But you can still send telegrams through the Jordan Post Company!

All of the following is correct regarding the invention of the telegraph except?

- A) it was invented in 1837
- B) it sped up communication
- C) it didn't help the police that much in John Tawell's case
- D) one of its benefits was to send telegrams to the police

4) Since the dawn of time, people have been using different ways of communicating at a distance. In ancient times, they used smoke signals and after writing developed, they invented more ingenious methods of delivering messages; for example, sending a message in a bottle. At the turn of the 20th century, bottles were found which had been sent by people who were travelling on board the Titanic. The invention of the telegraph in 1837 sped up communication dramatically.

Before writing was developed, people had communicated using:

- A) smoke signals
- B) sending a message in a bottle
- C) the telegraph
- D) the internet

5) The oldest two methods of communication according to the text are:

- A) smoke signals and sending a message in a bottle
- B) the telegraph and the internet
- C) smoke signals and the telegraph
- D) the telegraph and sending a message in a bottle

ANSWER KEY:

1	A
2	B
3	C
4	A
5	A